

Town of Bolton  
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway  
Bolton VT 05676  
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**Planning Commission Minutes**

August 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker, Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, Rodney Pingree, Jen Andrews

Planning Commission members absent: none

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also Present: Samantha Tilton, CCRPC

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**Agenda**

1. Town Plan – Ongoing Final Review
2. Minutes July 18, 2006
3. Other communications/mail
4. Any other business
5. Adjournment

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**Agenda Item #1 – Town Plan**

The Planning Commission continued review of the current draft, #9, of the Town Plan, dated August 13, 2006. It was noted that and discussion included:

1. Page 3. Keep language as is; statutory, but use three dots “...”
2. Page 4. Vision Statement. Add “valley bottom” to description.
3. Page 5. 1.1 a. RE: Sara Holbrook parcel. Amy provided the input received from the C.C. regarding this parcel. Add “...a 16-acre parcel on the north bank which *could* be developed into a park *or walking path*.” Note concern regarding railroad crossing.
4. Page 5. 1.1 c. Keep language.
5. Page 6.1.1 f. change “safeguard” to “*reduce crime in the community*.”
6. Page 8. 1.4 a. Noted that only the PC has to show public participation.
7. Page 8. 1.4 c. Change “webpage” to “*website*.”
8. Page 10. 2.3 RV District. Add “Development in this district *shall* occur in accordance...”
9. Page 10. 2.4 RR District. Add “Development in this district *shall* occur in accordance...”
10. Page 11. Section 3. Natural Resources. Amy provided email communication from Tara Hamilton @ Catamount. Add information under 3.12 current conditions

- regarding Catamount/VAST/Long Trail systems in Bolton. Sam is still trying to get information on Bolton's wetlands for this section.
11. Page 14. 3.2 Goals. G. Add "*such as the Vast, Catamount and Long Trail network of trails.*"
  12. Page 15. Policies, e. and f. Add "*address issues related to endangered species.*"  
h. add "...to allow *wildlife* free movement."
  13. Page 15. Section 4. Transportation Plan. 4.1 current conditions. 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph.  
Note that the Class 3 town roads are paved and unpaved.
  14. Page 17. Current conditions. Add "As proposed development at or near Bolton Valley and other areas of town increases, the amount of seasonal, residential, and construction related traffic on town roads will also grow..."

#### **Agenda Item #2– Minutes July 18, 2006**

Jim Bralich made the motion to accept the minutes of July 18, 2006. Rodney Pingree seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

#### **Agenda Item #3– Other communications/mail**

Leslie Pelch, Bolton's CCRPC Representative gave a brief overview of the CCRPC Regional Plan, noting that it was the last chance for input before the vote on the plan. Leslie noted that she was planning to vote to accept the plan unless there were concerns from the PC/SB/town about doing so.

Leslie noted that she would be taking part in the ad hoc committee being formed to re-review the steep slopes provisions in the BLUDR. Leslie provided information to the PC concerning the "Community Conversations Project" as a potential facilitator/mediator in this upcoming conversation about land use in Bolton. Leslie stated she had spoken to the SB regarding this as well, and that Deb L. would be following up with a phone call to and/or meeting with the C.C.P. representative. Leslie stated that the C.C.P might also be a good resource for scientific input. It was noted that Linda Baker, Jen Andrews and Rodney Pingree would be representing the PC on the ad hoc committee.

Jen Andrews noted that she had followed up concerning a potential park and ride in Bolton by contacting Park and Ride Administrator, Wayne Davis. She stated that the SB would continue the conversation with Mr. Davis regarding this issue.

Amy Grover noted that she would forward grant information from Sam/CCRPC for the possible funding of generators for Smilie School onto Gerry Mullen and BVFD Chief Mike Gervia.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Any other business**

Linda Baked made a motion to enter executive session at 8 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried. Linda made the motion to exit executive session at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, September 25, 2006, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

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**Agenda Item #5 – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Amy Grover

Clerk, Planning Commission

*These minutes are unofficial until accepted.*

These minutes were read and accepted by the Planning Commission on

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Linda Baker, Chair